

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2012/2013

Guidelines

Darebin Council makes a significant investment in the community through its Community Grants Program.

The Program aims to support community projects and activities that address local priorities, strengthen community relationships of mutual respect, build social inclusion and environmental sustainability and enhance the well-being of City of Darebin residents.

These aims are achieved through provision of cash grants and venue hire subsidies to local not-for-profit groups and organisations.

In keeping with the above aims, the Program will support projects and activities that:

- Fit with Council's priorities regarding equity and inclusion, community health and wellbeing, and environmental sustainability.
- Address a demonstrated need in the community, promote active participation and have direct benefit for Darebin residents.
- Encourage participation of Darebin residents especially the groups that have been identified as 'at risk' of exclusion, such as Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds, young and older people, people with a disability, Aboriginal, women, homeless and low income earners, recently arrived migrants and refugees, asylum seekers, same sex attracted people and gender diverse.
- Build new partnerships and collaborations between diverse organisations and groups.
- Actively work towards social inclusion by ensuring that all people have a chance to develop themselves and participate fully in community life.
- Involve groups and organisations that have limited opportunity to generate income or funding from other sources.
- Involve groups and organisations that have not been previously funded.
- Foster innovative and creative approaches to addressing community needs and local issues through artistic and cultural developmental projects, sports and recreational alternatives, social initiatives and community festivals and celebrations..

What does the Community Grants program fund?

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| <p>The Darebin Community Grants Program is made up of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash grants. Successful applicants will receive a cheque for an approved amount. | <p>Community organisations and groups may apply for one or both of the above in the one application form.</p> <p>Applicants can submit only one application per organisation per funding round.</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue Hire Subsidies (Non-cash). Successful applicants will be granted in-kind support for hiring costs of Council-owned venues. For a full listing of available venues see application form. | <p>Projects and activities are supported across a wide range of settings, including arts, sporting and recreation, community welfare, education and learning and the environment.</p> |
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FUNDING PRIORITIES

The Program has three major funding priority areas, which are set out below. Grant applications must address one or more of these priority areas.

Priority One: Equity and Inclusion

Proposals that respond to the needs of individuals, groups and communities who:

- Have not had access to resources and opportunities
- Experience disadvantage and discrimination

This includes, but is not limited to people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds, young and older people, people with a disability, Aboriginal, women, homeless and low income earners, recently arrived migrants and refugees, asylum seekers, same sex attracted people and gender diverse.

Priority Two: Community Health and Wellbeing

Proposals that promote and contribute to mental and physical health & wellbeing, and create safe and supportive communities.

Priority Three: Environmental Sustainability

Proposals that address issues and problems created by climate change and that contribute to environmental sustainability.

GRANTS CATEGORIES

Grants are divided into small, medium, large and No Cap Categories and can be requested for either one, two or three years.

| Grant Categories | | |
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| Small | Up to \$1,000 | Available for one, two or three years |
| Medium | Up to \$3,000 | Available only for One Year |
| Large | Up to \$6,000 | Available only for One Year |
| No Cap | Over \$6,000 | Special eligibility, selection criteria and application form. Applicants to contact grants coordinator on 8470 8504 |